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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Leah E. Appel, et al. :

Examiner: S. Gollamudi

APPLICATION NO.: 09/745,095 :

FILING DATE: December 20, 2000

: Group Art Unit: 1616

TITLE: Hydrogel-Driven Drug Dosage Form :

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Sir:

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a)

A Notice of Appeal was filed in the above application on November 24, 2004. Applicants' opening brief was accordingly due, without extension, on or before January 24, 2005.

Pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is requested that the term for filing Applicants' opening brief be extended by three (3) month(s), such that the term for response is extended to April 24, 2005.

It is noted that, in lieu of filing an opening brief, Applicants' have filed a Request For Continued Examination (RCE) and an Amendment responsive to the Office Action dated July 26, 2004.

Authorization is hereby provided to charge the amount of \$1,020.00 as stated under 37 C.F.R. §1.17, as well as any additional fees required, or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 16-1445. Two copies of this paper are enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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